

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/625,364

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 10-19 (renumber as 1-17).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/10/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David Divine 08/10/ 2006.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 3, after "Patent No." , insert --6,621,935--.

Page 1, line 3, after "on" , insert --September 16, 2003--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 8-9.

Claim 1, line 3, after second occurrence of "image", insert --wherein the processing comprises; computing a vector transformation of the image to produce multiple vectors; calculating a mean value of each of the vectors; and quantizing the mean values to form quantized values; --.

Claim 2, line 1, after "processing", insert --further--.

Claim 2, lines 2-3, delete "computing a vector transformation of the image to produce multiple vectors;"

Claim 2, line 4, delete "calculating a mean value of each of the vectors;"

Claim 2, line 5, delete "quantizing the mean values to form quantized values;"

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Claim 10, line 2, after "transformation", insert --to produce multiple vectors and calculate a mean value of each of the vectors--.

Claim 10, line 2, delete "vector".

Claim 10, line 3, after "quantization", insert -- of the mean values--.

Claim 16, line 3, after "vectors", insert --,calculate a mean value of each of vectors--.

Claim 16, line 3, after "quantize", insert --the mean value of--.

Claim 19, line 3, delete "from vectors produced from".

Claim 19, line 4, delete "a digital image" and --insert by processing a digital image using vector transformation"--.

Communication

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherali Ishrat whose telephone number is 571-272-7398. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30PM.

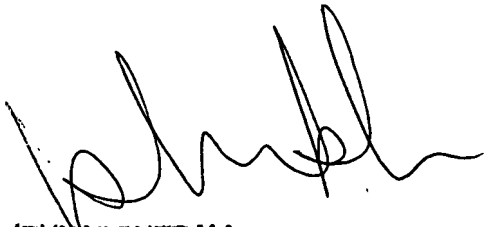
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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